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Appointment Reminder Service Update

Montana WIC has partnered with One Call Now to provide appointment notifications that are now being sent out. Every WIC participant receives an automated phone call two days before their appointment or one day after a missed appointment. Each agency has been assigned an administrative contact that receives email reports about the notifications and can log into the [One Call Now website](#) and create ad-hoc messages. Please review [Montana WIC's Appointment Reminder webpage](#) for more information and resources, and contact [Kevin](#) (406) 444-4746 if you encounter any issues or have questions.

Updated Non Discrimination Statement

An updated version of the Non Discrimination Statement is now published to the website. The Participant Rights and Responsibilities have also been updated. Please print and use the updated version going forward. If you have any questions, please call (444-0909) or email Kelly (KAughney@mt.gov). Thank you.

Article on Childhood Obesity Interventions

The journal Health Affairs has an article titled [Three Interventions That Reduce Childhood Obesity Are Projected to Save More Than They Cost](#). Please review the article for information that may pertain to your work.

Local Agency Outreach Gallatin

This month we would like to highlight the Gallatin WIC Clinic and the work they're doing with *Willow Comes to WIC*. Willow is a bunny that likes to share with kids. Willow tries to make an appearance twice a week at the Gallatin Clinic. Willow comes out of her burrow to visit with children and parents to help them learn about healthy foods grown in her garden. They will get to touch, taste, mash, and look at the produce through a magnifying glass. There is usually a rhyme and finger play to engage the kids.

In general, Willow is a grant program offered after applying through Pepsi/Tropicana to buy lesson plans, puppets and a poster. In order to run Willow, Gallatin had to have a knife skills class, as well as do online modules to learn the puppet mastering piece. Thank you to Darcy Hunter and the Gallatin staff for this outreach project.

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